

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants file this Supplemental Amendment to the claims filed on March 16, 2009, which Applicants believe meets the submission requirements of 37 CFR 1.114 for an application under Final Rejection. Applicants thank the Examiner for his telephone call to Applicants' representative pointing out that (meth)acrylate groups were overlooked and remained in the claims as filed on that date, on which Applicants also filed a Request for Continued Examination.

Applicants have amended claims 1–2, 9–10 and 12 without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 9–10 and 12 have been amended to delete the (meth)acrylate compounds. Claim 10 also has been amended to correct an obvious typographical error. Claim 2 has been amended to better conform to U.S. patent practice. No new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner replace and enter the listing of claims filed on March 16, 2009 with the listing of claims filed herein. Applicants have updated their arguments previously submitted to reflect these additional claim amendments.

The Examiner has rejected claims 10–12 as anticipated under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) by Kuwana et al (JP 2003/012725). Applicants have deleted (meth)acrylate and (meth)acryloyloxy compounds from claim 10 and 4-(2-oxo-1,3-dioxolane-4-yl) butyl acrylate from claim 12, thereby removing from claims 10–11 the genus of compounds of which 4-(2-oxo-1,3-dioxolane-4-yl) butyl acrylate allegedly disclosed by Kuwana et al. may be a species. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 10–12 as anticipated by Kuwana et al.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1–3, 6–9, 13 and 15 as unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Pardoen et al. (US 2004/0127608) in view of Fukada et al. (US 2004/0127608), or over Pardoen et al. in view of Kuwana et al as evidenced by Fukada et al. The Examiner alleges that Pardoen et al. teach modifying a polyamine having a primary or secondary amine with a cyclic carbonate to form a urethane bond, but that Pardoen et al. do not teach the claimed or used compounds. The Examiner alleges that Fukada et al. and Kuwana et al. teach acrylate or methacrylate compounds that, combined with the teaching of Pardoen et al., render unpatentable

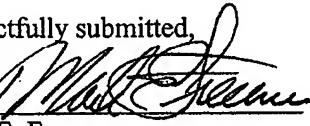
Applicants' claims 1-3, 6-9, 13 and 15. Since Applicants have deleted reference to acrylate or methacrylate compounds from the claims, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw his rejection of claims 1-3, 6-9, 13 and 15 as unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the Request for Continued Examination and the Interview Summary submitted on March 16, 2009. In view of the above amendments and the telephonic interview, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance and request prompt action in this regard.

Applicants believe no fees are owed with this submission, but any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 13744-00046-US, from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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